

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Specification

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Charles E. Bell on May 8, 2008.

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Line 1 of the specification, the following amendment was authorized:

"...sepsis, are claimed ~~in general form in Claims 1 to 7.~~ herein.

Line 3 and 4 amend:

~~Claims 8 to 16~~ The present invention also relates to the variants of diagnostic methods arising from the new discoveries presented herein.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAGNEW H. GEBREYESUS whose telephone number is (571)272-2937. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathleen Kerr Bragdon can be reached on 571-272-0931. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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